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Flight 'O' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Sept. 13, 1953 (Sunday) Evergreen Bus lines fares for school children will not be increased at this time, it has been announced.

Mervyn C. Gleason, Central Point, won the Medford Mail Tribune Bargain Day contest for being the earliest Tribune carrier who entered.

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 13, 1943 (Monday) Fire destroys Faber Warehouse at Central Point; loss estimated at \$5,500.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge-Poll" column: "People continue to save gasoline out of a four-gallon allotment to go to the woods — but not to cut next winter's fuel, of which a forthcoming shortage is alleged."

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 13, 1913 (Wednesday) Appraisal of valley irrigation projects approved by government.

Failure of NRA and Roosevelt recovery schemes predicted by head of Technocrats.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 12, 1923 (Thursday) Local boy held for cashing forged checks on extensive scale.

Ohio flood victims acknowledge Medford gifts.

50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 13, 1913 (Saturday) Eleven carloads of Bosc pears were shipped out of the valley today by the Rogue River Fruit and Producers association.

E. B. Hanley has started construction of a \$3,000 modern storehouse and packing house on his ranch four miles west of Medford.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. What shell fish is commonly believed to be fit for human consumption only in the months containing the letter "R"? 2. What is the official Russian news agency called? 3. Harriet Beecher Stowe is famous as the author of what book? 4. What was the one word that Poe's raven repeated? 5. If a pen and ink cost 60 cents, and the pen cost 50 cents more than the ink, what did the ink cost? 6. What game is sometimes called barnyard golf? 7. Elephants drink through their trunks; true or false? 8. A contagious disease is the same as an infectious disease; true or false? 9. Warren G. Harding was President of the U.S.; for what did the initial stand? 10. Does the Pacific Ocean cover about one-fourth, one-third, or one-half of the earth's surface? Answers: 1. Oysters. 2. Tass. 3. "Uncle Tom's Cabin." 4. "Nevermore." 5. Five cents. 6. Horseshoes. 7. False. 8. False. 9. Gamaliel. 10. One-third.

MATHS SCHEDULED ASHLAND — Johnny Mathis, well-known vocal artist, will appear under the sponsorship of Southern Oregon college at Hedrick Junior High school in Medford, Oct. 22. Jeff Lee, director of field services at the college has announced.

Sales Tax Study

The Legislature's Interim Committee on Taxation has voted to undertake a study of a sales tax for Oregon.

This is a good idea. Such studies have been made before, to no avail. But the time has come for a new consideration of a sales tax for Oregon.

We have been more and more impressed, in recent months, with the number of people who now say they would favor such a tax—provided it were coupled with income and property tax relief. It may even be that the time has arrived when a majority of Oregon voters would approve such a measure—despite their repeated rejections in the past.

THE last major survey of Oregon's tax program undertaken by an outside expert was six years ago, when Prof. John F. Sly of Princeton University did so.

He did not, at that time, recommend a sales tax. Oregon then still had surpluses left over from the postwar years, and the income and property taxes were sufficient to carry the burdens of state services.

But Professor Sly did say that, when the state's general fund budget exceeded about \$333 million for a biennium, a sales tax should be considered, both to raise the added revenues needed by a growing state, and to reduce the burden of income and property taxes.

WHAT many people do not realize, or ignore if they do realize it, are these things:

—Oregon is, and always has been, a "high service" state, with the people asking for, and supporting, good education, good highways, veterans benefits, forest rehabilitation and protection, agricultural research and farmer assistance, efficient police services, good institutional care for those requiring it, and the other things which a state can provide for the people it serves.

—The proportion of people in the active earning and taxpaying years has been decreasing, while the proportion of those in the pre-earning and post-retirement years—who require more of the expensive state services than others—has increased.

THE combination of these factors has served to boost the level of income taxes to a point where many taxpayers are in rebellion. The same factors have boosted property taxes to a point where they are almost confiscatory in many instances, particularly in the case of retired people on fixed incomes and on young people just establishing homes and families.

Yet, at the same time, there is considerable wealth in Oregon. Also, at the same time, the per capita total taxation in Oregon is actually lower than it is in either Washington or California—both of them sales tax states.

Is it, then, time to put a "third leg" on Oregon's "two-legged" taxation program?

IT MAY BE. And this is one of the things which the interim committee must consider.

Whether the referral of the income tax law is in protest to it, specifically, or whether it is simply in protest to all taxes, indiscriminately, is unclear. Probably various people have various motivations.

But this much is eminently clear: If Oregon is going to continue its present level of services—including good schools, colleges and universities—it is going to need more money. If it is going to take care of the huge tide of youngsters who, in another two years, will be seeking college educations, it is going to need much more money.

If Oregonians can be convinced of these facts, it is our belief that they will, as in the past, be willing to dig down a little deeper.

And it may be that a balanced sales-income-property tax program is the best way in which it can be done, fairly and justly.—E.A.

Hopes for Bear Creek

It is gratifying to see that, at long last, something is being done to see if Bear creek—our stagnant, valley-long community open sewer—can be cleaned up.

For years it has been a case of everyone talking about it but no one doing anything about it.

Now, with the Rogue Basin project in the offing, it finally appears that a solution is in sight. The addition of a few cubic feet per second to summertime flow would do worlds of good in making the creek the attractive waterway which it should—and could—be.

THERE are many uses for water. We drink it, bathe in it, do dishes and laundry in it, use it for livestock and irrigation and power, for fishing and recreation.

Each of these uses is a legitimate one. It can also legitimately be used for the double purpose of increasing the enjoyment of a stream, and eliminating the twin problems of pollution and health danger, both now inherent to the situation along Bear creek.

If, for a relatively minor cost, we can change summertime Bear creek from a stinking, scummy sewer, a menace to health and an offense to the eye, into a stream large enough to carry away the dirt and the filth, to regain its beauty, and perhaps even to carry fish again—this, then will be money well spent.—E.A.

Another of life's modern annoyances seems to be increasing—the use of wire staples on mailed pamphlets, press "releases" and periodicals. Even some state departments are using them on their house organs. Of course, there's a choice—either break a fingernail getting them open, find something to pry them open, or toss them into the wastebasket. We usually prefer the latter.

—Oregon Statesman, Salem



Dropout

... Communications ...

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Editorials Liked

To the Editor: Friends in Medford have recently mailed us a number of good editorials from your paper. Some were reprints from other papers, others signed with the initials E.A.

All that we have been privileged to read exhibit a high degree of creative intelligence and selectivity, or in the vernacular a lot of good common horse sense.

More than the editorials of a number of papers we see, including Western Edition, the New York Times, which are many times most excellent, the editorials in the Mail Tribune give one hope and courage in the fight for a finer and more democratic America.

More power to you! Mark A. Chamberlin, Route 3, Box 1033, Gresham, Ore.

School Bible Class

To the Editor: Monday, my 4th grader brought home a form from school which I was to fill out and return if I wished her to have Bible study lessons at school. I did not return the form (for various reasons, irrelevant herein) and thereby excused her from this class.

Tuesday, my child came home and said: "Well, I may as well go into Bible study because they told us those who don't take it just have to sit in the old school room and work."

Someone explained to my little girl that "the others will get to go hear lots of nice interesting stories, and all you'll get to do is sit here and work on assignments." She told me, "I believed this sort of thing settled. When has the school scheduled time for a Bible study class? If such class is arranged, why not a class in science, or philosophy, for the students who do not wish to hear Bible stories? Is this not unfair to children? Is it not a form of pressure by religious groups to force children beyond parental guidance? Please withhold my name for my child's sake. A Mother, Central Point, Ore.

Soul Searching

To the Editor: Perhaps the Medford attorney who suggested that "inactive Democrat committee people be replaced but did not know how to do it" cannot impress them with anything the Democrat party has done in the past two years that would cause the workers to feel proud of their party or their leaders? Was the Bay of Pigs affair satisfactorily handled? Were the Russians taken out of Cuba as scheduled? Is this whole affair closed, or is there more fact than fiction that a deal with Russia to get Russian troops out of Cuba before election time in 1964 in exchange for up to \$10 billion is being offered? Does the so-called treaty with Russia really give any advantage to U.S. security? Does the attorney believe Russia will ever be anything but a threat to U.S.?

Does the Democrat-controlled Legislature's tax bill really give anyone a fair deal? If so, why? If not, why? Did the Democrat party representative to Salem vote to increase his salary? If so, how much increase? Is it true that the attorney who suggests replacing Democrat committee people controls the Democrat party machinery in Jackson County?

No wonder the party wants to have active workers, there isn't anything to work for except to alibi failures! When this attorney wonders what happened to the majority of the Democrat party of last year he may think of an answer. It's pretty obvious that lots of Democrats have been doing some soul searching, thinking and have seen the light and changed their

registration. There will be many more doing the same thing in the months to come. Mrs. Catherine Lynch, 139 Kenwood Ave., Medford.

Unhappy Fishermen

To the Editor: There are, at a recent count, 2,500 unhappy fishermen, who are uneasy at the Game Commission's plan to cease stocking Hyatt Lake with trout.

These 2,500 unhappy sportsmen are the ones who have signed a petition at Mrs. Dora Bowman's Hyatt Lake store, begging the commission NOT to make the lake a warm-water fishery; and urging the commission to continue to stock the beautiful lake with trout.

Two years ago, they tell me, the commission planted a number of trout in Hyatt. Today you can catch some of those trout, only they are now 18 and 19 inches long, fat, beautiful, and they fight like a steelhead. They are delicious eating, also.

Doesn't this prove that Hyatt Lake is an ideal trout-rearing body of water? The Oregon trout (especially the BIG ones at Howard Prairie and Hyatt Lake) are so-called glamorous fish, sought by men and women anglers from EVERY state of the land. The registers at the resorts mentioned above attest to this. I doubt very much that these people will ever come back to this area when they find out that Hyatt Lake will be a warm-water fishery only, where the

Close U.S. Relations Keystone of Spanish Policy; Negotiations for Bases Continue

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst MADRID, Spain (UPI)—Spanish officials emphasize that maintaining close relations with the United States is a keystone of Spanish foreign policy. They say this will continue to be true regardless of the current outcome of Washington negotiations for the renewal of the U.S.-Spanish base agreement.

The agreement, concluded in 1953 and due to expire this Sept. 26, covers U.S. Strategic Air Command bases at Torrejon outside Madrid, Moron outside Seville and Zaragoza midway between Madrid and Barcelona, and the Mediterranean naval base at Rota. Other, smaller, installations also are involved. Generalissimo Francisco Fran-

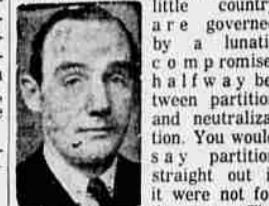
co's government called for a re-examination of the treaty terms on the grounds that after 10 years changing conditions justified certain changes. Government officials here are wary of describing the exact changes sought or the progress of the negotiations, which they describe as being in a "delicate" stage. But they say that since 1953 the Soviet Union has achieved

parity with the United States in nuclear warfare and that a cover of fighter planes is no longer sufficient for Spain's defenses. Therefore, they say that Spain is taking an even greater risk now than before in permitting the bases on her soil. Such an argument lends weight to reports that, among other things, Spain believes that further U.S. military aid should be given in the form of

modern weapons and that it should be free. The U.S. position, according to these reports, is that further modernization of Spanish armed forces should be Spanish expense. Under terms of the agreement, negotiations for renewal may continue six months after the expiration date and if no agreement is possible then the bases should be vacated by the end of the year. No one expects this to happen. Although Spain is known to believe she should have membership in NATO, Spanish officials deny vehemently that NATO membership also is a condition of further use of the bases.

Matter of Fact by Joseph Alsop

THE LUNATIC COMPROMISE VIENTIANE, Laos — For the present the affairs of this charming but endlessly troubled little country are governed by a lunatic compromise, halfway between partition and neutralization. You would say a partition straight out if it were not for the map. The map, showing the probable location of the six main kinds of military forces now operating in Laos, looks like nothing so much as an attack of measles in six different colors.



In order of their current importance, these forces are: first, the anti-Communist army of Gen. Phoumi Nosavan, numbering just under 60,000; second, the 25,000 plus of the indigenous Communist Pathet Lao; third, the 7,000 or so neutralists under Gen. Kong Le; fourth, the armed Meo tribesmen, who are also anti-Communist; fifth, the seven or eight North Vietnamese Communist battalions which have remained in Laos in violation of the Geneva agreement; and sixth and finally, about a thousand Chinese Communist troops disguised as "roadbuilders," also here in violation of the Geneva accord.

But this localization is very incomplete, to put it mildly. Every outfit has its men behind the lines of almost every other outfit. The Meos, the neutralists, and the anti-Communists are now cooperating, but the Chinese alone are to be found in only one spot. All the other forces make an interpenetrating pattern of spots almost past counting.

If this were anywhere but Laos, you would therefore predict a kind of general donnybrook at an early date. In fact, comparative peace now reigns. In the last dry season, the Communists tried to destroy the neutralists and failed. They had a whack at the anti-Communists and were beaten off. They attempted to liquidate the Meos with no success. And after these additional flagrant violations of the Geneva accord, they sat back to lick their wounds.

AS if today, indeed, the Communist position is at least marginally weaker than the position of the Meo-neutralist-anti-Communist coalition. The road from Viet Nam, which brings supplies to the main Pathet Lao forces in the Plaine des Jarres, has been cut for a long time, and they are even short of rice. If the neutralist Prime Minister, Prince Souvanna Phouma, would give the order, the neutralists and anti-Communists could probably clear the Plaine des Jarres of all Pathet Lao forces.

He is highly unlikely to give such an order, however. Instead, he has lately been negotiating with his brother, Prince Souphanouvong, the Laotian Communist front man. After bounding out in a huff, Souphanouvong wants to rejoin the government. Furthermore, there are no signs whatever of Communist military buildup. Hence the forecast is that the lunatic compromise will crack along for a while longer.

Yet there are two points that must still be noted. Whatever Washington may think, the Russians have almost certainly lost all power and authority here in Laos. While they were the chief suppliers of the Pathet Lao, as they were until the Geneva accord, the Soviets remained able to call the tune. They lost that ability when they—the sole Communist faithful to Geneva—cut off their supply-airlift and gave the planes to Prince Souvanna Phouma's government.

THE Soviet embassy does not even have representatives at Khang Khay, where Prince Souphanouvong has his headquarters. Both the Chinese Communists and the North Vietnamese meanwhile have more important representation at Khang Khay than here in Vientiane, the official capital. Between them, the North Vietnamese and Chinese now absolutely control the Pathet Lao.

Furthermore, there is every reason to believe that the Chinese rather than the Russians now control the North Vietnamese. Peking, in other words, is now calling the tune here. The absence of any buildup for future action rather clearly means that for the present the tune is not going to be aggressive. But there is one more point to note. The whole uneasy balance here could be instantly upset, and most of Laos could be rolled up like a carpet, by the mere incursion of another five or ten thousand North Vietnamese and/or Chinese troops. That is a fact well worth remembering.

catfish, perch and bass are its only fish quarry.

It is generally known that the most successful way to fish Hyatt is with a boat. Doesn't that mean then that these anglers will have to acquire first, a car; then a boat and boat trailer; and an outboard motor, along with cushions, anchor, and all the other numerous paraphernalia; plus a good rod and reel?

Therefore, dealers in these items also have something to gain if Hyatt is kept up as a first-class trout fishing body of water.

But aside from the financial aspect of this fishery to Southern Oregon, is the fact that these 2,500 Oregon voters are unhappy with the commission's plan for this lake, although they are petitioning for a redress.

Does anyone remember that quotation, "of, by and for the people"?

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Tax Election Day To Be State Holiday

SALEM (UPI) — Oct. 15, the day of the tax referendum election, will be a state holiday.

State and county offices will close, and no alcoholic beverages can be served until the polls close at 8 p.m. Banks and business firms are expected to remain open.

Smells As Good As A Real Committee By Arthur Hoppe

We've got a new national committee on the national scene. It's called "The National Committee Against the Treaty of Moscow," meaning the nuclear test ban. And I'm worried.

What worries me is the committee's headquarters is in the Madison avenue office of Marvin Liebman Associates, Inc., a public relations firm. And that's already the home of a half dozen Right Wing committees. Like "The American Committee for Aid to the Katanga Freedom Fighters," "The Committee for the Monroe Doctrine" and, less specifically, "The 'One million what?' I'd like to know."

But it's not the overcrowding that worries me, although I bet it worries the building superintendent. ("Now look here, Mr. Liebman, you said it was only you and a couple of stenographers when you rented the place.")

Nor am I criticizing the efficiency of this arrangement. After all, if the One Million wish to confer privately with the Freedom Fighters about the Monroe Doctrine, all Mr. Liebman need do is stick his head in a paper bag.

No sir. What worries me is thinking about all the millions and millions of middle-of-the-road Americans who don't have a single, solitary committee lying around the house.

Imagine how the middle-of-the-road American feels these days. He can't pick up his paper without reading where the Radical Right or the Radical Left has formed this or that new committee to stamp out or save this. And these he is, not a committee to his name. No status. No prestige. It's enough to make him a radical.

So in order to secure peace, preserve the domestic tranquility and make money, I've be-

gun market research on a new product. It's called: "Instant Committee."

Instant Committee will come in three designs: Emergency, Standing, and for the quality trade, Ad Hoc.

Packaged attractively in red, white and blue bunting, the kit will consist of a disposable gavel, wall plaque saying "Justice for All," a list of 100 Distinguished Sponsors, one letterhead, 500 petitions of Congressional beginning, "We deplore..." and a Certificate of Grateful Appreciation to Our Chairman with a space for the purchaser to fill in his name.

Instant Committee, like any new committee, folds easily. It stores, however, in a cardboard box requiring only two square feet of shelf space, thus saving hundreds of dollars in office rent alone. All titles and declarations of principle are, of course, easily erasable so the product may be re-used over and over again. And when finally worn out, the cardboard box itself may be boiled for seven minutes to create "Instant Committee Dinner."

With mass production, we hope to be able to market Instant Committee at \$3.98 each or \$37.18 a dozen. In return for 100 unwinding bands, we plan to offer as a special bonus an Instant Society or for 1000, an Instant Movement.

The only flaw in Instant Committee so far is that due to mass production requirements, the names of the 100 distinguished sponsors are the same in every package. And you'd buy the idea of a half dozen committees, all composed of the same people.

Take your head out of that paper bag, Mr. Liebman. We've got a question we want to ask you. The government will pro-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As you may have gathered from reading the papers, listening to the radio and watching the TV screens, the world is full of problems.

There's the mess in Saigon, and what to do about it. And the nuclear test ban treaty. Is it good or bad? Is it too mellowing as he grows older? Or has he got something up his sleeve that hasn't yet met the eye?

IN OUR country, taxing less, spending more, putting the difference on the cuff and leaving the bill to be paid by future generations while we LIVE IT UP as we go.

Is that good or bad? Here in Oregon, shall we vote the tax bill down come the 15th of October and trust to luck that we can get a better one later? And so on.

THERE are problems everywhere. In Maracaibo, down in Venezuela, for example.

PRIMARILY, the Maracaibo problem concerns Mr. and Mrs. De Prieto — who had a happy event in their family the other day. A dispatch from Venezuela says:

With gifts beginning to arrive, the proud parents of QUINTUPLET boys pondered today how they will support five new sons in their one-bedroom home on Mr. De Prieto's \$10 a day income.

THE mother, Mrs. Ines Marie Cuervo de Prieto, age 34, got out of bed to take a brief look at her problems—or, it appears, to count her blessings. She and her husband are blessed not only with the newly arrived quint, but with 15 other children by previous marriages.

She told visitors: "With only one bedroom, it's going to be a little crowded at our house, but my husband and I are VERY PROUD."

ALL is going well. The mother's room is filled with flowers. Her husband was busy all day answering a constant flow of telephone calls from well wishers. Venezuela's president Romulo Betancourt wired congratulations.

The Venezuelan government assured the Prietos of its protection and told them not to worry. The Venezuelan organization, Friends of University Hospital, supplied clothing for five infants and sent along five basketsful of diapers.

Everything appears to be lovely, with the goose hanging high.

IN CONCLUSION: If Mr. and Mrs. de Prieto can get away with all that and come out smiling and happy, I reckon we can wangle through somehow or other up here in the U.S.A. The government will pro-

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

CRACKPOT SOLUTIONS It is pitifully easy, of course, to laugh at crackpots — and nowhere more so than in a newspaper office, which is besieged daily by crackpots of every description — as well as by those defining all description. When we stop deriding or despising, these obsessed creatures, and try to analyze their motives, I think we find the same basic drive in all of them: the deep desire to bring order out of chaos.

A crackpot is a person who is looking for a guiding principle in life. He wants to be able to put his finger on one wheel in the machinery of life, and say "This is what makes everything turn around."

He may think "the answer" is to be found in the pyramids, or in dietary habits, or in a new kind of currency. Whatever it may be, he thinks the world is all of a piece, and that he has found the key to it.

It is commendable that he looks for a guiding principle in life; most of us are too lazy or too pleasure-and-profit-bound to spend even a few moments thinking about ultimate questions. In one sense, we are not good enough or serious enough to become crackpots. "A fanatic," it has been said, "is merely a person who seriously practices what we only preach." Society, in its respect, is indebted to its fanatics for achieving what "reasonable" people never thought possible.

Where the crackpot goes wrong, it seems to me, is in failing to recognize the diversity of the world. One of the wonders of God is His infinite originality. The universe (as scientists are only now beginning to discover) is not a cold, mechanical operation, but an organism of tremendous variety. When we get into the heart of an atom, we find that it has more freedom than scientists of the past ever imagined.

Fundamentally, the crackpot is looking for a religion, being unsatisfied with the traditional forms. Now, it is better to look for a religion than to be unconcerned about the questions it tries to answer; but a religion cannot be something smaller than man — and all the crackpot "solutions" solve only a fraction of man's problems.

"In my Father's house are many mansions" a certain book tells us, as an enduring reminder that diversity and not uniformity, makes for goodness. Nobody has exclusive possession of the art of living well — otherwise, the Potter would have seen to it that all His pots were cracked in the same way.

JOIN THE YOUNG REPUBLICANS JOIN THE YOUNG DEMOCRATS FRESHMAN! BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN — GET ACTIVE IN POLITICS WHILE ON CAMPUS